

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

RAFAEL A. JONES, SR.,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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v.	)	No. 4:12CV630 JAR
	)	
JEFF NORMAN,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on petitioner’s submission of a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition will be summarily dismissed.

Rule 4 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts provides that a district court shall summarily dismiss a § 2254 petition if it plainly appears that the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

In the instant petition, petitioner attempts to challenge three convictions: State v. Jones, 07SL-CR03429-01 (21st Jud. Cir.); State v. Jones, 07SL-CR06638 (21st Jud. Cir.); State v. Jones, 0822-CR07366 (22nd Jud. Cir.).

Petitioner has previously brought challenges to each of these convictions in this Court. See Jones v. Norman, 4:12CV569 CDP (E.D. Mo.); Jones v. Prudden, 4:11CV1310 LMB (E.D. Mo.); Jones v. Moriorty, 4:10CV495 LMB (E.D. Mo.).

The petition is successive. As a result, petitioner may not proceed without authorization from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, which he does not have. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). The Court will therefore dismiss the petition without further proceedings.

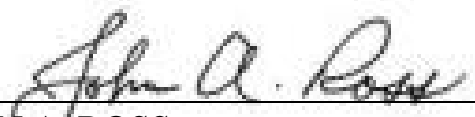
Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus is **DISMISSED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that petitioner's motion to proceed in forma pauperis [Doc. 2] is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall substitute Jeff Norman as respondent in this action.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2012.

  
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JOHN A. ROSS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE